

Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council



2005 Annual Report

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Chairman

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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to submit the 2005 annual report of the Emergency Management Advisory Council.

As Lieutenant Governor I am proud to serve as Chairman of the Emergency Management Advisory Council. The Council was formed to review and provide advice to the Governor and Adjutant General of the National Guard in the area of disaster planning on statewide and local levels, and to provide a medium to inform the public of the preparations and activities of the Emergency Management Agency.

Throughout the year, the Council continued to work with the state EMA on a coordinated terrorism preparation plan and continued to work on a comprehensive domestic preparedness plan. It monitored the status of the avian flu and hurricane preparedness. The EMAC passed a resolution opposing a LNG terminal in Providence and was briefed on energy and heating issues.

The Emergency Management Advisory Council has effectively provided information to its members and the public and has worked to ensure the state's ability to respond effectively to disaster situations. As Chairman, I will continue, with the cooperation and support of the Governor, Vice-Chairman and the Council membership, to ensure the safety of the citizens of Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Fogarty
Lieutenant Governor

Chairman, Emergency Management Advisory Council

Section 1. 2005 Emergency Management Advisory Council Report

INTRODUCTION

The Emergency Management Advisory Council (RIEMAC) is responsible under Rhode Island General Law §30-15-6 to advise the governor and the Adjutant General on all matters pertaining to disaster preparedness. To carry out this responsibility, the RIEMAC reviews the state's disaster preparedness plans and activities, works to set priorities relating to the state's emergency preparedness, promotes the coordination of state and local emergency management agencies and activities and provides opportunities to inform the public about emergency preparedness issues.

Appendix I. contains statute §30-15-6 establishing the Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council

2005 MEETING SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES

During 2005 the full RIEMAC held ten meetings on the dates listed below. The agendas for these meetings are contained in Section 2. Copies of the minutes are maintained on file in the Office of the RIEMAC Chairman, Lt. Gov. Charles J. Fogarty. The dates of the meetings were:

January 31	August 23
March 22	September 20
May 10	October 18
June 14	November 22
July 19	December 20

THE RIEMAC'S 2005 ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

- monitoring the status of federal homeland security grant funds,
- monitoring state and local emergency planning efforts, and
- serving as a source of information and coordination for state domestic preparedness and homeland security activities.

AREAS OF FOCUS THAT THE RIEMAC MONITORED OVER THE YEAR WERE:

- seasonal energy needs and capacity
- hurricane activity and preparedness
- Avian Influenza
- National Guard legislation
- Status of NEDRIX Information Exchange
- Pictometry
- West Nile/EEE virus
- KeySpan LNG, L.P. proposal
- AMBER Alert

Avian Influenza (H5N1)

Throughout the course of 2005, the EMAC was periodically briefed on the emergent avian influenza issue. Below is a timeline summarizing the briefings EMAC received.

On March 22, 2005, there was a briefing on the avian flu threat by Leonard Mermel, D.O., Center for Biodefense and Emerging Pathogens, Memorial Hospital and John Fulton, PhD, Associate Director of Health, Division of Disease Prevention and Control, Rhode Island Department of Health.

Chairman Fogarty expressed concern about Rhode Island's preparedness for avian flu pandemic. Lt. Governor Fogarty inquired about Rhode Island plans to respond and about availability of Tamiflu®. Chairman Fogarty requested that DOH continue to monitor the avian flu.

On June 14, 2005 and August 23, 2005 Dr. John Fulton briefed EMAC on avian flu preparedness plans for Rhode Island. It was announced that DOH has convened a panel to assess feasibility of stock piling Tamiflu®. Chairman Fogarty called upon DOH take the necessary steps to be properly prepared for an outbreak of avian flu.



On November 22, 2005 Dr. David Gifford briefed EMAC on avian flu preparedness plans for Rhode Island. He announced that HEALTH will have an avian flu plan in place by December 20, 2005. It is estimated that a stockpile of Tamiflu® would be anywhere between 500-750 doses at any given time.

KeySpan LNG, L.P. proposal

On May 10, 2005 EMAC was briefed by Attorney General Patrick C. Lynch on the "Clarke Report", assessing the threat a proposed LNG terminal would have on Rhode Island. The route an LNG tanker would travel was reviewed, as well as the threat assessments associated with that route. Vice-Chairman Centracchio stated that in his opinion it would be absolutely irresponsible to locate this facility in an urban area.



Diagrams showcasing the path of an LNG tanker to the proposed Providence Terminal.

The EMAC passed a resolution stating its opposition to the proposed terminal for reasons including threat, environmental impact and public safety. *Appendix II. contains this resolution*

AMBER Alert

The first two AMBER alerts for Rhode Island were issued in 2005. The first was on June 14, 2005 and the second was on October 6. Thanks to good police work, the children and suspects were found within hours of the alerts being issued. There were however, two glitches in the alerting process.



On June 14 there was a mishap due to the AMBER system itself. Some of the boxes had been miscalibrated. There was also an issue with certain stations receiving notification before others, which had since been resolved.

On October 6, there was a problem with the Emergency Alert System. In lieu of that issue, an AMBER Alert was sent out through the Portal e-mail system. Shortly after the e-mail went out, the issue with the EAS was addressed and an “actual” AMBER alert went out through that system. The issue has been addressed, and since then the Rhode Island State Police added a feature to call in an AMBER alert by telephone, eliminating the need to issue the alert directly from RIEMA.

After both instances, Chairman Fogarty reiterated the need to test all aspects of the system. It has been and continues to be tested on a regular basis.

Hurricane Preparedness

Throughout the course of 2005, the EMAC received briefings on Rhode Island’s hurricane preparedness.



On June 14, 2005 the Council was informed that both Smithfield and Providence were working towards StormReady® certifications. This is a community based certification process issued by the National Weather Service that helps communities better prepare for and mitigate effects of extreme weather-related events. StormReady® also helps establish a commitment to creating an infrastructure and systems that will save lives and protect property. Receiving StormReady® recognition does not mean that a community is storm proof, but StormReady® communities will be better prepared when severe weather strikes.

On July 19, 2005 the Council was briefed by RIEMA on current hurricane plans. Plans included a redesign of emergency evacuation signs, digitization of evacuation routes, consultation with senior centers regarding the importance of hurricane preparedness and work with NOAA on the Hurrevac® program. Chairman Fogarty reiterated the need to prepared, especially in light of the fact that it has been so long since RI has had a serious hurricane.

On September 20, 2005 there was an extensive briefing on hurricane preparation in Rhode Island. Details of this meeting can be found in the minutes. Chariman Fogarty expressed his concern that there had not been a hurricane preparedness seminar earlier this summer and reiterated the need to not only have a plan in place, but to practice this plan. RIEMA staff reported that an official hurricane plan was being worked on and that it would be ready for next season.

Energy Briefings

Throughout the course of the year, the Council received regular updates from the State Energy Office on pricing and supply as well as status of the Low Income Home Energy

Assistance Program (LIHEAP). It also had briefings from John C. Felmy, Ph.D., of the American Petroleum Institute and Stephen Whitley of ISO New England.

2005 saw record price increases and the LIHEAP program received approximately the same amount of funding as the year before. Chairman Fogarty expressed his concern that with buying power reduced because of pricing, this funding level would not be enough to help as many households as in years past. Dr. Felmy reported in August that the good news is in energy efficiency and in November, Stephen Whitley noted that in New York, it is state law to require dual-fuel production, which is of great assistance to efficient energy production. It was also pointed out that most of Rhode Island heating systems are gas only. Details of both the August and November briefings can be found in their respective monthly minutes.

NEDRIX

In June 2005, the Council was briefed on the revitalization in Rhode Island of New England Disaster Recovery Information X-Change (NEDRIX). NEDRIX is a non-profit organization with more than 1200 active members throughout the six New England States. NEDRIX was formed as an organization in August 1991 to provide a low cost venue for disaster recovery and business continuity planning professionals from the six New England states to meet and share effective disaster recovery and business continuity ideas and experiences.



MOBILE COMMAND CENTER

On August 2, RIEMA introduced its new Mobile Command Center. The new Mobile Command Center will serve as a field headquarters for emergency management in a disaster, such as a hurricane, a terrorist strike or a large fire. The command center is 42 feet long, runs on a diesel engine, and weighs 46,000 pounds. Custom built by two Wisconsin companies, Pierce Manufacturing and LDV, the command center has a 50-year warrantee. The state is paying for the unit with federal homeland security grants. The command center was designed with a communication system that can reconcile different radio frequencies and allow emergency responders from different communities to speak to one another. In addition to its regular air conditioning, the unit



Presentation of the Mobile Command Center August 2, 2005.

has an air-filtration system to protect the occupants from poisonous particles or gases in a chemical weapons attack, or from the poison plume from a chemical fire at an industrial plant.

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE

Administratively, much of the work of the RIEMAC is accomplished through the work of the Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee (DPS) and a number of various Work Groups and Task Forces created under the auspices of the DPS. The RIEMAC's Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee was reorganized in 2001 to assist in coordinating and implementing the state's homeland security efforts and to serve as an advisory committee to the Department of Health for Public Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism. In 2002, the DPS adopted the following vision statement as part of this reorganization and created several active working groups that report to the DPS to help carry out its responsibilities.

VISION

The Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee will develop and implement a statewide program to enhance the capacity of state and local agencies to respond to Weapons of Mass Destruction terrorist incidents through coordinated training, equipment acquisition, technical assistance and contingency planning, and by supporting and conducting exercises. Through the efforts of the Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee, the State of Rhode Island will be better prepared to provide a coordinated, effective response to possible terrorist incidents anywhere within its borders: protecting the public, mitigating damaging effects, and managing the consequences.

The Executive Director of the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency serves as the Chairman of the DPS. The goals and objectives of the State Homeland Security Strategy guide the functions of the DPS. The work of the DPS includes the following:

- Coordinating the use of terrorism preparedness grant funding (which is received from various federal and state agencies for equipment, training, exercises, technical assistance and planning).
- Coordinating terrorism response training and exercises to ensure optimum cross-program usage of limited funds and resources.
- Developing exercise schedules to ensure all emergency response agencies and organizations in all regions of the state are practiced in terrorism response on a continuing basis.
- Serving as the advisory committee to the Rhode Island Department of Health for the Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism cooperative agreement.

Appendix III. contains the State Of Rhode Island State Homeland Strategy Goals and Objectives

DURING 2005, THE FOLLOWING WORK GROUPS OF THE DPS WERE ACTIVELY MEETING:

Working Groups
Elderly and Disabled Working Group
HazMat/Decon Tech Working Group
Community WMD Preparedness Working Group
Emergency Legal Issues Working Group
Communications Working Group
Volunteer Working Group
Emergency Support Function Working Group
Hospital Preparedness Committee
Behavioral Healthcare Crisis Management Task Force
Urban Search and Rescue Group
Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Working Group
Mass Fatality Working Group
Port Security

Appendix II. contains a list of the Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee members as well as mission and vision statements of the DPS . Minutes of the DPS 2005 meetings are on file in the Office of the Lt. Governor.

2005 RIEMAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

RIEMAC efforts in 2005 resulted in the following accomplishments. Many of these were the results of the activities of the Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee and its Work Groups.

- Establishment of new Elderly and Special Needs Working Group
- Standardization of internal emergency codes within hospitals.
- USAR trainings and evaluations
- Behavioral Healthcare Crisis Management (BHCM) training of 400 responders
- BHCM working with Katrina Evacuees
- Implementation of Washington County 800mhz.
- Family Assistance Center Plan initial meeting
Appendix IV. Contains minutes from initial meeting
- Continued Homeland Security Trainings
Appendix V. Contains a spreadsheet highlighting these trainings

Section 2. Meeting Agendas

January 31

- I. Call to Order/Attendance**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
- III. Introduction**
 - A. Comments from the Chairman
Lieutenant Governor Charles J. Fogarty
 - B. Comments from the Vice Chairman
Major General Reginald A. Centracchio
- IV. LIHEAP Update** – *Matteo Guglielmetti, Rhode Island State Energy Office*
- V. Domestic Preparedness/Bio-Terrorism Update
(Trust for America's Health Report)**
John Aucott, RIEMA
- VI. Agency updates**
- VII. RI National Guard Legislative Agenda 2005**
-- Lt. Col. Anthony DeFusco, Deputy Chief of Staff Information Management
- VIII. New Business/ Comments and/or Suggestions**
- IX. Adjournment**

March 22

- I. Call to Order/Attendance**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
- III. Introduction**
 - A. Comments from the Chairman
Lieutenant Governor Charles J. Fogarty
 - B. Comments from the Vice Chairman
Major General Reginald A. Centracchio
- IV. Avian Influenza Update** – *Leonard Mermel, D.O.*
Center for Biodefense and Emerging Pathogens, Memorial Hospital
John Fulton, PhD
Associate Director of Health,
Division of Disease Prevention and Control, Rhode Island
Department of Health
- V. RI Military Family Relief Fund Status Report** - *Col. Robert Behm, RI National Guard*

- VI. **National Guard Legislation Update** – Lt. Col. Tony DeFusco, *RI National Guard*
 - VII. **Seasonal Energy Update** – Matteo Gugliemetti, *Rhode Island State Energy Office*
 - VIII. **Domestic Preparedness Update** – John Aucott, *RIEMA*
 - IX. **State Budget and Federal Grant Update** – John Aucott, *RIEMA*
 - X. **New Business/ Comments and/or Suggestions**
 - XI. **Adjournment**
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May 10

- I. **Call to Order/Attendance**
 - II. **Approval of Minutes from March 22, 2005**
 - III. **Introduction**
 - C. Comments from the Chairman
Lieutenant Governor Charles J. Fogarty
 - D. Comments from the Vice Chairman
Major General Reginald A. Centracchio
 - IV. **Keyspan LNG Proposal**
 - A. Attorney General Patrick C. Lynch – Clarke Report
 - B. Representative Raymond E. Gallison, Jr.
 - V. **End of Season Energy Update** – Janice McClanaghan, *Rhode Island State Energy Office*
 - VI. **Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee Update** – John Aucott, *RIEMA*
 - VII. **State Budget and Federal Grant Update** – John Aucott, *RIEMA*
 - VIII. **New Business/ Comments and/or Suggestions**
 - IX. **Adjournment – Next Meeting – June 14, 2005 – 2:00 PM**
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June 14

- I. **Call to Order/Attendance**
- II. **Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2005**
- III. **Introduction**
 - E. Comments from the Chairman
Lieutenant Governor Charles J. Fogarty
 - F. Comments from the Vice Chairman
Major General Reginald A. Centracchio

- IV. Hurricane Season 2005 / StormReady®** – Glenn Field, *National Weather Service*
 - V. Avian flu Update/West Nile Virus** – John Fulton, PhD
Associate Director of Health, Division of Disease Prevention and Control, Rhode Island Department of Health
 - VI. Pictometry Update** – Ray Labelle, *E-911*
 - VII. NEDRIX** – Lori Adamo, *Code Red Business Continuity Services, LLC*
 - VIII. EMA Update** – John Aucott, *RIEMA*
 - IX. New Business/ Comments and/or Suggestions**
 - X. Adjournment – Upcoming Meetings – July 19, 2005 – 2:00 PM**
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July 19

- I. Call to Order/Attendance**
 - II. Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2005**
 - III. Introduction**
 - G. Comments from the Chairman
Lieutenant Governor Charles J. Fogarty
 - IV. Hurricane Season 2005 Preparations** – Armand Randolph, *RIEMA*
Diana Arcand, *RIEMA*
 - V. Orange Level Update** – John Soscia, *RIEMA*
 - VI. AMBER alert update / AMBER 911** – Duffy Egan, *Citadel*
Lt. Darren Delaney, *RI State Police*
 - VII. New Business/ Comments and/or Suggestions**
 - VIII. Adjournment – Upcoming Meetings – August 23, 2005 – 2:00 PM**
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August 23

- I. Call to Order/Attendance**
- II. Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2005**
- III. Introduction**
 - H. Comments from the Chairman
Lieutenant Governor Charles J. Fogarty
- IV. Heating Oil/Gas Prices** – John C. Felmy, Ph.D., *American Petroleum Institute*
- V. Avian flu Update** – Dr. John Fulton, *Department of Health*

VI. New Business/ Comments and/or Suggestions

VII. Adjournment – Upcoming Meetings – September 20, 2005 – 2:00 PM

September 20

I. Introduction

II. Call to Order/Attendance

III. Approval of Minutes from August 23, 2005

IV. Introduction

A. Comments from the Chairman - *Lt. Governor Charles J. Fogarty*

B. Comments from the Vice-Chairman - *Brigadier General John Enright*

V. Rhode Island Hurricane Preparedness – Pam Pogue, *RIEMA*

VI. Hurricane Katrina Update– Angie Moncada, *American Red Cross*

VII. West Nile/EEE Update - *RIDEM*

VIII. New Business/ Comments and/or Suggestions

IX. Adjournment – Upcoming Meetings – October 18, 2005 – 2:00 PM

October 18

I. Call to Order/Attendance

II. Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2005

III. Introduction

A. Comments from the Chairman - *Lt. Governor Charles J. Fogarty*

B. Comments from the Vice-Chairman - *Brigadier General John Enright*

IV. AMBER Alert Update – Lt. Darren Delaney, *RI State Police*

V. Lessons From Katrina– John Burnap, *American Red Cross Volunteer*

VI. LIHEAP/Energy Update – *RISEO*

VII. New Business/ Comments and/or Suggestions

VIII. Adjournment – Upcoming Meetings – November 22, 2005 – 2:00 PM

November 22

I. Call to Order/Attendance

II. Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2005

III. Introduction

- A. Comments from the Chairman - *Lt. Governor Charles J. Fogarty*
- B. Comments from the Vice-Chairman - *Brigadier General John Enright*

IV. RI Dam Assessment – Mike Sullivan, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

**V. RI Winter Energy Issues- Stephen Whitley, ISO New England
Janice McClanaghan, Rhode Island State Energy Office**

VI. Avian Influenza Update – Dr. John Fulton, Rhode Island Department of Health

VII. New Business/ Comments and/or Suggestions

VIII. Adjournment – Next Meeting – December 20, 2005 – 2:00 PM

December 20

I. Call to Order/Attendance

II. Approval of Minutes from November 22, 2005

III. Introduction

- A. Comments from the Chairman - *Lt. Governor Charles J. Fogarty*
- B. Comments from the Vice-Chairman - *Brigadier General John Enright*

IV. Titan Response Report – Robert Warren, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

V. Winter Road Preparedness- Nami Moghadam, RI Department of Transportation

VI. Avian Influenza Update – Rhode Island Department of Health

VII. Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee Report - Robert Warren, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

VIII. New Business/ Comments and/or Suggestions

IX. Adjournment – Next Meeting – January 17, 2006 – 2:00 PM

Section 3. Appendices

Appendix I

STATUTE ESTABLISHING THE RHODE ISLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL SECTION 30-15-6

§ 30-15-6 Advisory council. – (a) There is hereby created the Rhode Island emergency management advisory council (hereinafter in this chapter called the "council"). The council will consist of thirty-two (32) members as follows:

(1) Seventeen (17) ex officio members as follows:

- (i) The lieutenant governor;
- (ii) The adjutant general;
- (iii) The director of administration/statewide planning;
- (iv) The director of health;
- (v) The director of transportation;
- (vi) The director of human services;
- (vii) The superintendent of state police;
- (viii) The public utilities administrator;
- (ix) The director of the department of environmental management;
- (x) The director of mental health, retardation, and hospitals;
- (xi) The director of elderly affairs;
- (xii) The chairperson of the state water resources board;
- (xiii) The chairperson of the governor's commission on disabilities;
- (xiv) The chairperson of the Rhode Island public transit authority;
- (xv) The executive director of the coastal resources management council or his or her designee;
- (xvi) The executive director of the American Red Cross, Rhode Island chapter;
- (xvii) The executive director of the Rhode Island emergency management agency; and

(2) Fifteen (15) members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor, as follows:

(i) Two (2) members of the senate, recommended by the president of the senate, not more than one of whom shall be from the same political party;

(ii) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, recommended by the speaker of the house, not more than one of whom shall be from the same political party;

(iii) One representative of the electric industry;

(iv) One representative of the gas industry;

(v) One representative of the telephone industry;

(vi) The executive director of the Rhode Island petroleum association or other similarly situated person;

(vii) Two (2) representatives of the general public, one who shall have expertise in disaster preparedness;

(viii) One representative of the Rhode Island league of cities and towns;

(ix) One representative of E-911, the uniform emergency telephone authority;

(x) One representative of the media;

(xi) One representative of the water supply industry;

(xii) One representative of the health care industry; and

(xiii) One representative of the Rhode Island firefighters association.

(b) It shall be the duty of the council to advise the governor and the adjutant general on all matters pertaining to disaster preparedness. The lieutenant governor shall serve as chairperson of the council and the adjutant general shall serve as vice-chairperson. In providing advice to the governor and the adjutant general, the council shall, among other matters reasonably related to their authority, do the following:

(1) Establish a regular meeting schedule and form subcommittees as may be appropriate;

(2) Review emergency management plans and other matters as may be acted upon or otherwise provided for in this chapter;

- (3) Establish priorities and goals on emergency management matters on an annual basis;
- (4) Study emergency management plans in conjunction with the adjutant general, and otherwise conduct such other studies as may be deemed appropriate;
- (5) Review the coordination of the state's emergency management programs with appropriate authorized agencies and conduct studies on the programs as may be necessary;
- (6) Review the plans and operations of the various cities and towns in disaster preparedness in conjunction with the director and his or her office as required or necessary; and
- (7) [Deleted by P.L. 2000, ch. 170, § 2];
- (8) Provide an annual report on its activities in conjunction with the adjutant general.

Appendix II

Resolution opposing expansion of the KeySpan LNG Terminal in Providence, RI and the creation of a terminal in Fall River, MA

WHEREAS, KeySpan LNG, L.P. proposes to convert its existing LNG storage tank at Fields Point in Providence to a marine terminal capable of receiving an estimated 50 LNG supertankers each year; and

WHEREAS, KeySpan LNG, L.P. proposes to construct a marine terminal at Weaver's Cove in neighboring Fall River, MA, along with a 50 million gallon storage tank capable of receiving an estimated 70 supertanker shipments each year; and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects are located in urban areas within close proximity of elementary schools, major interstate highways, centers of commerce, residential neighborhoods, or Rhode Island Hospital, the only Level I Trauma Center for southeastern New England; and

WHEREAS, the financial cost of compensating victims and rebuilding damaged or destroyed facilities following a catastrophic attack on an urban LNG facility and/or LNG tanker would likely exceed any insurance carried by the owners and operators of the LNG facility and tanker; and

WHEREAS, an expanded LNG capacity poses a number of substantial environmental concerns, including disruption to ecological systems in Narragansett Bay; and

WHEREAS, a security risk management analysis by Richard A. Clarke found that a terrorist attack on such a terminal is consistent with demonstrated intent and capability and the consequences of a major attack could include fires that would damage homes, hospitals, schools, fuel storage, a chemical plant, and other infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the passage of LNG terminals and tankers in Narragansett Bay will place serious strains on the State of Rhode Island, including, the disruption of tourism and recreational boating industries, increased traffic caused by bridge closings, effects on the fishing and boating industries, costs to state and local law enforcement, and risks to plans for waterfront development; now be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council opposes any expansion of the KeySpan LNG, L.P. terminal in Providence or the creation of a terminal in Fall River due to the extraordinary environmental, economic and public safety concerns associated with proposals in such densely populated urban areas.

Appendix III

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND STATE HOMELAND STRATEGY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL 01: Improve the abilities of local emergency responders to detect, prevent, respond and recover from a WMD terrorism incident. (PREVENTION, RECOVERY, RESPONSE)

OBJ. 1.1 Activate and maintain a statewide Urban Search and Rescue Team by Date X + 24 months. (Solution Area – Equipped)
Organize a working group.
Procure funding.
Process an agreement with interested parties.
Organize selection and training.
Procure equipment.

OBJ. 1.2 Outfit and establish Tactical Law Enforcement teams capable of conducting operations in a WMD environment by Date X + 12 months. (Solution Area – Equipped)
Organize a working group.
Procure funding.
Process an agreement with interested parties.
Organize selection and training.
Procure equipment.

OBJ. 1.3 Provide 100 % of the necessary personal protection equipment for the various emergency responders commensurate to the level of training needed by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Equipped)
Review local needs from jurisdiction assessments.
Develop cost of purchasing 100% of reported needs.
Apply prioritization to PPE needs.
Transfer ownership of received PPE to jurisdictions.
Collect data in accordance with assessment plan.

OBJ. 1.4 Increase local and statewide preparedness by involving each of the communities in a WMD terrorism incident tabletop exercise by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Exercised)
Organize an exercise team.
Develop standard tabletop exercise process.
Develop a schedule.
Implement the exercise process.
Evaluate and report the results of the exercises and complete corrective action plan.

OBJ. 1.5 Develop local WMD response contingency plans in 100% of the communities by Date X + 12 months. (Solution Area – Organization)
Establish a minimum standard/template for the local plan.
Develop training and technical assistance for plan development.
Review plans against the standard and for consistency with statewide plans.

OBJ. 1.6 Establish Citizen Corps programs in 100% of the communities by Date X + 24 months. (Solution Area – Organization)
Match the needs of emergency responders with the skills and abilities of volunteers.
Educate the public on safety, help citizens take an active role in protecting themselves from harm, and teach citizens what to do in the event of a crisis.
Enhance offerings to citizens of new and existing volunteer opportunities, educational information, and training courses to address terrorism and natural disaster risks.
Promote all Citizen Corps programs and activities across the thirty-nine communities.
Capture innovative practices and report accomplishments that can be replicated in other communities nationally.
Survey the community to assess increased awareness and Citizen Corps participation.

OBJ. 1.7 Create a viable, local Emergency Operations Center in 100% of the communities by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Plans/Procedures)
Review status of local EOCs.
Apply prioritization to EOC needs.
Develop basic outfitting of a local EOC.
Develop cost of outfitting EOCs.
Provide technical assistance.
Seek funding and outfit the EOCs.

OBJ. 1.8 Train 10% of all Public Works personnel to the WMD awareness level by Date X + 24 months. (Solution Area – Trained)
Determine the statewide need for awareness training.
Examine alternative delivery methods.
Schedule trainers and sites.

Determine optimal training delivery methods.
Advertise training and/or offer quotas and deliver training.
Institutionalize training with focus on new recruits/employees.
Collect data on the # of students trained.

OBJ. 1.9 Train 100% of all Emergency Management Agency, Public Safety Communications, and Government Administrative personnel to the WMD Awareness Training level by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Trained)

Determine the statewide need for awareness training in all disciplines.
Examine alternative delivery methods.
Schedule trainers and sites.
Determine optimal training delivery methods.
Advertise training and/or offer quotas and deliver training.
Institutionalize training with focus on new recruits/employees.
Collect data on the number of students trained.

OBJ. 1.10 Train 100% of all Law Enforcement and Fire Service personnel to the WMD Performance Training level by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Trained)

Determine the statewide need for awareness training in all disciplines.
Examine alternative delivery methods.
Schedule trainers and sites.
Determine optimal training delivery methods.
Advertise training and/or offer quotas and deliver training.
Institutionalize training with focus on new recruits/employees.
Collect data on the number of students trained.

OBJ. 1.11 Train 100% of all emergency responders in the appropriate Incident Command Level by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Trained)

Determine the statewide need for awareness training in all disciplines.
Examine alternative delivery methods.
Schedule trainers and sites.
Determine optimal training delivery methods.
Advertise training and/or offer quotas and deliver training.
Institutionalize training with focus on new recruits/employees.
Collect data on the number of students trained.

OBJ. 1.12 Train 100% of all law enforcement personnel in WMD terrorism criminal recognition techniques by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Trained)

Determine the statewide need for awareness training in all disciplines.
Examine alternative delivery methods.
Schedule trainers and sites.
Determine optimal training delivery methods.
Advertise training and/or offer quotas and deliver training.
Institutionalize training with focus on new recruits/employees.
Collect data on the number of students trained.

OBJ. 1.13 Train 100% of all of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel to the WMD Performance Training level by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Trained)

Determine the statewide need for awareness training in all disciplines.
Examine alternative delivery methods.
Schedule trainers and sites.
Determine optimal training delivery methods.
Advertise training and/or offer quotas and deliver training.
Institutionalize training with focus on new recruits/employees.
Collect data on the number of students trained.

GOAL 02: Improve the ability of existing local HazMat and Decontamination teams to respond to a WMD terrorism incident. (RECOVERY, RESPONSE)

OBJ. 2.1 Increase personal protection equipment for HazMat/Decon responders to 100% of requirements by Date X + 12 months. (Solution Area – Equipped)

Review HazMat / Decon PPE needs from jurisdiction assessments.
Develop cost of purchasing 100% of reported need against standard.
Apply prioritization to PPE needs.
Transfer ownership of received PPE to jurisdictions.
Collect data in accordance with assessment plan.

OBJ. 2.2 Outfit local fire departments with mass gross decontamination equipment and supplies by Date X + 24 months. (Solution Area – Equipped)

Ensure that each jurisdiction has the ability to conduct mass gross decontamination in accordance with mutual aid plan.
Develop basic training program.
Develop a standardized equipment list.
Order equipment and stock teams.

OBJ. 2.3 Increase statewide preparedness by involving each of the HazMat and Decon teams in a chemical functional exercise by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Exercised)

Organize an exercise team
Procure funding
Develop standard exercise process
Develop a schedule
Implement the exercise process
Evaluate and report the results of the exercises and complete corrective action plan.

OBJ. 2.4 Develop a baseline standard for HazMat and Decon teams in Rhode Island by Date X + 6 months. (Solution Area – Organization)

Draft baseline standard for a HazMat/Decon WMD team that includes training, PPE, decontamination & detection equipment, entry and decontamination team makeup and medical surveillance.

OBJ. 2.5 Increase overall chemical detection capabilities for HazMat and Decon responders to 100% of requirements by Date X + 24 months. (Solution Area – Plans/Procedures)

Review detection equipment needs from jurisdiction assessments.
Develop cost of purchasing 100% of reported need against standard.
Apply prioritization to detection equipment needs.
Transfer ownership of received PPE to jurisdictions.
Provide for training and technical assistance on the new detection equipment.
Collect data in accordance with assessment plan.

OBJ. 2.6 Ensure all HazMat technicians are trained to the WMD Performance-Offensive level by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Trained)

Determine the statewide need for WMD Performance-Offensive level training.
Examine alternative delivery methods.
Schedule trainers and sites.
Determine optimal training delivery methods.
Advertise training and/or offer quotas and deliver training.
Institutionalize training with focus on new recruits/employees.
Collect data on the number of students trained.

OBJ. 2.7 Ensure all Mass Decontamination Teams are trained to the WMD Performance-Defensive level by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Trained)

Determine the statewide need for WMD Performance-Defensive level training.
Examine alternative delivery methods.
Schedule trainers and sites.
Determine optimal training delivery methods.
Advertise training and/or offer quotas and deliver training.
Institutionalize training with focus on new recruits/employees.
Collect data on the number of students trained.

GOAL 03: Develop a comprehensive plan to identify and improve the security of critical infrastructure and key assets within the state. (PREVENTION, RECOVERY, RESPONSE)

OBJ. 3.1 Outfit and equip the personnel assigned to protect critical infrastructure with the necessary equipment by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Trained)

Develop cost of purchasing based on needs assessment.
Apply prioritization to needs.
Provide guidance on procurements.
Procure equipment for facility protection.

OBJ. 3.2 Increase statewide preparedness by exercising a critical infrastructure response with the proper disciplines in a functional exercise by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Exercised)

Organize an exercise team.
Procure funding.
Develop a standard exercise process.
Develop a schedule.
Implement the exercise process.
Evaluate and report the results of the exercise and complete corrective action plan.

OBJ. 3.3 Conduct a comprehensive review and assessment of critical infrastructure sites (government, private, port security) by Date X + 24 months. (Solution Area – Organization)

Conduct vulnerability assessments.

Determine preventive security enhancements.
Assess equipment hardening measures.
Determine security force requirements
Prepare cost assessments.
Determine governmental sites that require redundancy capabilities.
Develop working relationship with private sector interests.

OBJ. 3.4 Increase the states ability relating to chemical/biological defense efforts for agricultural/livestock and other related assets by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Organization)
Implement bio-security measures designed to protect assets.
Develop inspection standards and protocol.
Develop working relationship with private sector interests.
Train personnel at appropriate level.

OBJ. 3.5 Develop terrorism prevention activities by Date X + 12 months. (Solution Area – Plans/Procedures)
Develop plans for enhancing security during heightened alerts.
Develop public information and public service announcements.
Coordinate neighborhood watch activities in communities around selected sites.
Develop plans with private sector.

OBJ. 3.6 Ensure all personnel with responsibilities for critical infrastructure protection are trained to the appropriate level by Date X + 36months. (Solution Area – Trained)
Determine the statewide need for training.
Examine alternative delivery methods.
Schedule trainers and sites.
Determine optimal training delivery methods.
Advertise training and/or offer quotas and deliver training.
Institutionalize training with focus on new recruits/employees.
Collect data on the # of students trained.
Develop a template for WMD regional response within the Southern New England Fire Emergency Assistance Plan to provide coverage for the entire state.
Determine mutual aid, legal considerations, and needs for agreements for other disciplines other than fire response.
Draft a statewide mutual aid agreement.
Process the agreement through appropriate state agencies.

GOAL 04: Develop a comprehensive plan of community to community mutual aid for WMD incident response.
(RESPONSE)

OBJ. 4.1 Ensure all communities have HazMat, Decontamination, Tactical Law Enforcement WMD teams and a Mass Casualty trailer assigned to them under a statewide mutual aid plan by Date X + 24 months. (Solution Area – Organization)
Develop a template for WMD regional response within the Southern New England Fire Emergency Assistance Plan to provide coverage for the entire state.
Determine mutual aid, legal considerations, and needs for agreements for other disciplines other than fire response.

OBJ. 4.2 Ensure all emergency responders are covered for reimbursement and liability in a WMD incident response by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Plans/Procedures)
Draft a statewide mutual aid agreement.
Process the agreement through appropriate state agencies.
Seek and obtain approval for the agreement.
Ensure that any regional response or technical expertise provided has indemnification for provider.
Introduce legislative changes if needed.

OBJ. 4.3 Develop mutual aid plans with other emergency responder disciplines, ex. Public works by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Trained)
Determine need for mutual aid agreements with other disciplines.
Process the agreement.
Seek and obtain approval for the agreement.
Establish training and protocol necessary to carry out agreement.

GOAL 05: Improve the ability to conduct mass casualty operations and victim treatment associated with a WMD terrorism incident.
(RESPONSE)

OBJ. 5.1 Outfit agencies and organizations with responsibilities for WMD mass casualty response with appropriate equipment to a 100%level by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Equipped)
Identify and plan sustaining programs for existing mass casualty organizations.
Draft and approve plans for future generation equipment procurement.

OBJ. 5.2 Increase statewide preparedness by exercising WMD mass casualty response agencies and organizations in a functional exercise by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Exercised)
Organize an exercise team.

Procure funding.
Develop a standard exercise process.
Develop a schedule.
Implement the exercise process.
Evaluate and report the results of the exercise and complete corrective action plan.

OBJ. 5.3 Update the Rhode Island Mass Casualty Disaster Plan to include WMD incident operations by Date X + 18 months.
(Solution Area – Organization)

Review existing plans.
Draft revisions.
Approve revisions.

OBJ. 5.4 Develop a mass fatality plan by Date X + 12 months. (Solution Area – Plans/ Procedures)

Organize a working group.
Develop a working plan and protocol.
Educate various disciplines.
Procure equipment to accomplish task.

OBJ. 5.5 Develop an ongoing system to coordinate the training of all emergency responder personnel to operate during a WMD incident by Date X + 12 months. (Solution Area – Trained)
Develop a training plan for medical personnel.
Assign responsibilities for carrying out the training plan.

OBJ. 5.6 Ensure all personnel with responsibilities for WMD mass casualty response (including victim treatment) are trained to the appropriate level by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Trained)

Determine training requirements.
Determine the number of personnel needing training.
Determine optimal training delivery methods.
Schedule trainers and sites and deliver training.
Examine alternative training methods.
Draft and execute orientation training for first responders.
Collect data on # of students trained.

GOAL 06: Improve the ability of state agencies to carry out their responsibilities to detect, prevent, respond, and recover from a WMD terrorism incident. (PREVENTION, RECOVERY, RESPONSE)

OBJ. 6.1 Enhance the capacity of the states ability to coordinate events and incidents by expanding the current EOC and field services by Date X + 24 months. (Solution Area – Equipped)

Fund and purchase a mobile command post for statewide use.
Explore options for expanding the current EOC physical facility.
Examine the various state agency command and control centers.
Improve state command and control centers.
Ensure redundancy in appropriate areas.

OBJ. 6.2 Outfit state agencies that provide statewide WMD response to 100% of their operationally required equipment standard by Date X + 24 months. (Solution Area – Equipped)

Review needs of the state agencies as collected during the assessments.
Develop cost of purchasing 100% of reported need against standard.
Collect data in accordance with assessment plan.

OBJ. 6.3 Increase statewide preparedness by involving each state responding agency in a command post exercise by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Exercised)

Organize an exercise team.
Procure funding.
Develop standard exercise process.
Develop a schedule.
Implement the exercise process.
Evaluate and report the results of the exercises and complete corrective action plan.

OBJ. 6.4 Increase statewide preparedness by involving each state responding agency in a functional exercise by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Exercised)

Organize an exercise team.
Procure funding.
Develop standard exercise process.
Develop a schedule.
Implement the exercise process.
Evaluate and report the results of the exercises and complete corrective action plan.

OBJ. 6.5 Develop a concept of operations for a WMD terrorism incident response for each state agency with an emergency response mandate by Date X + 12 months. (Solution Area – Organization)

Draft a concept of operations document for each involved state agency to include training, equipment, and standard operating procedures.
Include each state agency's WMD response concept of operations in the state WMD contingency plan.
Define the roles and responsibilities of each state agency in order to ensure a professional and adequate response. Includes both field and non-field action.
Acquire personnel, space and equipment.
Ensure that response or technical expertise provided has indemnification for provider
Introduce legislative changes if needed.

OBJ. 6.6 Outfit and establish a cyber terrorism unit by Date X and 24 months. (Solution Area – Organization)
Organize a working group.
Procure funding.
Process an agreement with interested parties.
Hire personnel and procure space and equipment.

OBJ. 6.7 Outfit and establish an intelligence and information gathering unit (collection analysis) by Date X + 12 months. (Solution Area – Organization)
Organize a working group.
Procure funding.
Process an agreement with interested parties.
Determine and obtain security clearance measures.
Develop protocol for dissemination of information.
Hire personnel and procure space and equipment.

OBJ. 6.8 Ensure all state WMD response personnel are trained to the appropriate level by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Plans/Procedures)
Determine the statewide need for training.
Examine alternative delivery methods.
Schedule trainers and sites.
Determine optimal training delivery methods.
Advertise training and/or offer quotas and deliver training.
Institutionalize training with focus on new recruits/employees.
Collect data on the # of students trained.

OBJ. 6.9 Ensure the provisions of the Terrorism Annex within the state Emergency Operations Plan are ready to be implemented by Date X + 24 months. (Solution Area – Plans/Procedures)
RIEMA develop a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for organizing a Unified Command in response to a WMD incident.
Train personnel assigned duties under the Unified Command SOP.
Exercise the SOP by Date X + 24 months.

GOAL 07: Improve and enhance the statewide emergency responder communications network and communications related infrastructure. (PREVENTION, RECOVERY, RESPONSE)

OBJ. 7.1 Develop and expand the GIS capacity for emergency response operations by Date X + 24 months. (Solution Area – Equipped)
Expand and improve access of the current GIS systems.
Complete mapping.
Expand database for greater utilization and usage.
Explore training options.

OBJ. 7.2 Develop a comprehensive alert and warning system for first responders and Emergency Management personnel in the State of Rhode Island by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Organization)
Develop database inventory and contact list of agencies with emergency response duties.
Develop computerized directory of notification information.
Establish protocol.

OBJ. 7.3 Develop a statewide communications network that enables interoperability by Date X + 60 months. (Solution Area – Organization)
Establish a plan for governance (organization) of the system.
Enforce standards for new communication purchases at all levels to ensure standardization.
Integrate the system with appropriate agencies outside of the state.
Develop protocol.
Provision for special populations.

OBJ. 7.4 Improve and expand coordination and capacity of Information Technology (IT) support to first responders and emergency management functions in the State of Rhode Island by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Organization)
Establish a working group on information resources management.
Determine information resources management needs coordinate information technology developments among stakeholders in emergency management statewide.

OBJ. 7.5 Develop and implement a coordinated public information plan by Date X + 24 months. (Solution Area – Plans/Procedures)
Develop plan that coordinates dissemination of all public notices.
Integrate the system with appropriate agencies outside of the state.
Develop protocol.
Provision for special populations.

OBJ. 7.6 Develop security measures for government communications and information technology facilities by Date X + 36 months.
(Solution Area – Plans/Procedures)
Identify and deploy physical security measures.
Develop disaster recovery and continuity plans.
Provide necessary training for personnel involved.
Procure funding.

GOAL 08: Improve the ability of the states public health and health care system to detect and respond to a WMD terrorism incident.
(PREVENTION, RECOVERY, RESPONSE)

OBJ. 8.1 Provide personal protection equipment to Health Care and Public Health personnel commensurate to the level of training needed by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Equipped)
Review local needs from jurisdiction assessments.
Develop cost of purchasing 100% of reported needs.
Apply prioritization to PPE needs.
Transfer ownership of received PPE to jurisdictions.
Collect data in accordance with assessment plan.

OBJ. 8.2 Increase the states ability to deploy the Strategic National Stockpile managed by the Department of Homeland Security and Health and Human Services by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Organization)
Develop a plan that would organize the receipt, storage, and distribution of the supplies.
Determine sites for warehousing and distributing the supplies.
Establish protocol and procedures.
Train personnel.

OBJ. 8.3 Improve the ability of Health Care and Public Health to prevent, detect, diagnose and treat victims in a WMD terrorism incident by Date X + 36 months. (Solution Area – Plans/Procedures)
Improve and practice early detection systems.
Develop surge capacity plans for hospitals and other health care facilities.
Improve the state health laboratory capacities.
Improve isolation/quarantine protocol and facilities.
Improve mental health support components.

OBJ. 8.4 Outfit and train Health Care and Public Health personnel at the hospital level for proper decontamination techniques by Date + 24 months. (Solution Area – Trained)
Ensure that comprehensive plans for hospital decontamination are in place.
Establish and procure decontamination equipment for hospitals.
Determine and implement training required for personnel.

OBJ. 8.5 Train 10% of all Health Care and Public Health personnel to the WMD Performance Training Level by Date X + 36 months.
(Solution Area – Trained)
Examine alternative delivery methods.
Schedule trainers and sites.
Determine optimal training delivery methods.
Advertise training and/or offer quotas and deliver training
Institutionalize training with focus on new recruits/employees
Collect data on the # of students trained.

OBJ. 8.6 Train 50% of all Health Care and Public Health personnel to the WMD Awareness Training Level by Date X + 36 months.
(Solution Area – Trained)
Examine alternative delivery methods.
Schedule trainers and sites.
Determine optimal training delivery methods.
Advertise training and/or offer quotas and deliver training
Institutionalize training with focus on new recruits/employees
Collect data on the # of students trained.

GOAL 09: Improve the organization, planning, and coordination of the statewide response to a WMD incident.
(PREVENTION, RECOVERY)

OBJ. 9.1 Ensure the continuity of state/local government and critical statewide services by Date X + 12 months. (Solution Area – Organization)

Update existing plans to ensure continuity of government services.
Establish cooperative agreements are in place with private interests to ensure business continuity.
Ensure critical statewide services are tested regularly to ensure reliability.

OBJ. 9.2 Improve the ability to request, manage, and reimburse assets from the Federal government supporting the response to a WMD incident by Date X + 12 months. (Solution Area – Organization)
Develop a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for organizing a Unified Command in response to a WMD incident.
Train personnel assigned to duties under the Unified Command SOP.

OBJ. 9.3 Develop a comprehensive WMD response contingency plan. (Terrorism Annex to the State Emergency Operations Plan) by Date X + 18 months. (Solution Area – Plans/Procedures)
Assign staff responsibility for completing the plan.
Engage state and federal agencies in developing the plan.
Request technical assistance.
Complete draft of plan by Date X + 12 months.

OBJ. 9.4 Train emergency responder personnel and agencies in the implementation of the WMD contingency plan by Date X + 24 months. (Solution Area – Trained)
Develop skill and knowledge objectives for personnel assigned to carry out the WMD contingency plan.
Develop training curriculum and delivery methods.
Identify and train key personnel.

GOAL 10: Improve state-level oversight and coordination for the execution of the State Homeland Security Strategy.
(PREVENTION)

OBJ. 10. 1 Improve coordination of grant funding, training, and exercises by Date X + 18 months.
Maintain organization and staffing of the Domestic Preparedness Sub-committee. (Solution Area – Organization)
Sub-committee conduct business consistent with this strategic plan.
Sub-committee conduct periodic evaluation of this strategic plan.
Ensure that all federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security is allocated in accordance with the Statewide Domestic Preparedness Strategy.
Ensure that other federal funding for bio-terrorism and hospital preparedness is allocated in a manner consistent with the State Homeland Security Strategy.

OBJ. 10.2 Improve coordination of technical assistance coordination for communities by Date X + 18 months (Solution Area – Plans/Procedures)
Set this objective as a tasking for the Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee.
Review need and priorities for technical assistance.
Develop a plan for requesting and delivering technical assistance.
Sub-committee conduct periodic evaluation of the technical assistance plan.

Appendix IV

Family Assistance Center Plan

Key takeaways fro the initial meeting

November 2, 2005

Following the direction of the Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee meeting (October 2005), four agencies representatives met on November 2, 2005 to discuss initial planning considerations for the development of a Rhode Island Family Assistance Center plan.

Plan objective: Develop a family assistance plan for the State of Rhode Island that provides clear guidance and actionable assignments to pre determined supporting agencies involved in the establishment, operation, and demobilization of a family assistance center.

Initial meeting tasks

- Identify key agencies to become involved in writing the FAC plan
 - Determine reporting structure for the FAC planning committee
 - Outline the key components of the FAC plan
 - Identify additional planning considerations
1. Key agencies involved in writing the plan
 - a. RIEMA
 - b. HEALTH
 - c. MHRH
 - d. American Red Cross
 2. Reporting structure- the FAC planning team will report out to the Domestic Preparedness Subcommittee; specifically under the Mass Casualty Incident Working Group monthly report. The planning team recognized that once planning commences on the Family Resource Plan, that project should be a separate work group- also reporting to the DPS.
 3. Components of the FAC plan
 - a. Triggering mechanism/ activation procedures; to include a flow chart of events from time if incident to the transition to the Family Resource Center
 - b. Logistics (food, security, transportation, signage, etc)
 - c. FAC org chart
 - d. Roles and responsibilities of key agencies
 - e. Death notification; outline who is involved, the process, and script
 - f. Victim Information Hotline
 - g. Finance; pre-established contracts/ agreements with facilities/ vendors
 - h. Public information
 - i. FAC demobilization plan
 - j. Integration with other plans, specifically those with legislative backing- National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
 - k. References to other supporting plans
 4. Other planning considerations
 - a. Plan implementation steps
 - b. Training/ exercises
 - c. Plan format- The format will mimic that of the MCI plan (categories)
 - d. Handling Congressional delegates and other VIP's

APPENDIX V

Rhode Island Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program

Update on activity for Fall 2005

Date		11-Oct-05		
	Exercise	Participants	Type	Details
12-Oct	East Greenwich/ Bostitch	Local, private	Full scale/ response	Chemical release/ evac/ decontamination
	Barrington Full Scale	Town of Barrington/ MA	Full scale/ response	Local response to a chemical release and
19-Oct				active shooter at Barrington High School
	TSA WMD TTX	Fed, State, Local	Tabletop/ response	Large scale TTX discussing the response
? Nov				to a WMD threat/ scenario at TF Green
	Exercise Planning Workshop	Fed, State, local, private	Conference	Re-visit our three year Exercise Plan and
				refresh data/ calendar to more accurately
13-Feb-05				reflect future exercise activity
TBD	USCG MSO Providence	Fed, State Local	Full scale/ response	Oil spill in the Port of Providence
TBD	Amtrack/ Providence Station	City of Providence/ state	Full scale/ response	WMD found at Amtrack station Providence
TBD	Region 1 HSEEP Conference	Region 1 HSEEP reps	Conference	1.5 day HSEEP conference in Newport
1-Nov-05	City of Providence IED	Fed, State, local	Full scale/ response	IED in downtown scenario
? Nov	East Providence L-TEP	City of East Providence	Tabletop	
? Oct	Charlestown L-TEP	Town of Charlestown	Tabletop	Railroad incident (WMD)
? Oct	Cumberland L-TEP	Town of Cumberland	Tabletop	TBD
Ongoing	Burrillville L-TEP	Town of Burrillville	Tabletop	TBD
	Local Tabletop Exercise Prgm	Local (State)	Tabletop	Ongoing program bringing a tabletop
Ongoing				exercise to every city and town in RI.
L-TEP	Special Response Teams	Various local departments	Various	SRT's include HazMat, Decon, MCI, LETT
TTX	Local Tabletop Exercise Program			Urban Search and Rescue

TSA	Tabletop exercise; facilitated/ discussion based		
USCG	Transportation Security Administration		
WMD	United States Coast Guard		
MCI	Weapons of Mass Destruction		
LETT	Mass Casualty Incident; 9 trailers statewide- 1 held by RIEMA in Scituate		
	Law Enforcement Tactical Team 4 local police departments, State Police-		
	each of the five departments dedicate 5 members for specialized law enforcement		
IED	WMD training		
HSEEP	Improvised Explosive Device		
	Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program		